




Act: KR1		
Grade: K	Strand: Reading	Concept: Letter Recognition
Description of Task:	<b>Recognizing Letters KidPix 2</b> Students will use software to practice identifying letters of the alphabet.	
Expectations:	Ke23 – Identify most of the letters of the alphabet and demonstrate understanding that letters represent sounds and that written words convey meaning (e.g. read short labels, familiar signs; use phonics to recognize words); Ke29 – use a variety of media (e.g., computer software, tapes, filmstrips);	
Software Type:	Productivity Tool: Desktop Publishing KidPix 2	
Computer Skills Prerequisite	Students must be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access and run the program</li> <li>• Use a mouse to click</li> <li>• Print letters on blank keyboard chart (optional)</li> </ul>	
Student Instructions: (for teacher)	<div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="flex: 1;">  </div> <div style="flex: 2;"> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Have students work in pairs.</li> <li>2. Run the Kid Pix program:</li> <li>3. Click on the Alphabet symbol in the left-hand button bar. </li> <li>4. One student will point to a letter of the alphabet. The other student says the name of the letter. He/she may then click on the letter. The program “speaks” the name of the letter to confirm the student’s answer.</li> <li>5. Students may continue the activity, alternating roles.</li> </ol> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">  </div> </div> </div>	
Teacher Notes:	Ensure that students know how to access the program, and are able to select items by clicking with a mouse. Alternatively, a parent volunteer or student helper may assist the students. Earphones and/or speakers are essential for the auditory feedback, and sound must be working on the workstation. In order to access the rest of the letters, click on the blue arrows to the right of the letter “N”. Students may track letters completed on a blank keyboard sheet, writing in the names of the letters of the alphabet once found on the keyboard and completed (use toolbox_keyboard file in Toolbox folder).  Related offline activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oral naming of letters using plastic letter tiles or flashcards.</li> </ul>	
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Assessment:	Does the student identify most of the letters of the alphabet? (Curriculum) Does the student demonstrate courtesy and follow classroom procedures when making appropriate use of the computer? (Responsibility / Catholicity) Does the student press keys on keyboard using index finger? (Keyboarding)	